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Via CM-ECF

Honorable Valerie E. Caproni United States District Judge **United States District Court** Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

> Re: *United States v. Joseph Percoco, et al.*, No. 16-CR-776 (VEC) (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Caproni:

We are counsel for Louis Ciminelli. In response to the Court's Order (Docket #279), counsel for Mr. Ciminelli and Michael Laipple report that they do not have any firm trial commitments from May 1, 2018 through September 1, 2018. Counsel for Kevin Schuler has a trial date certain of May 22, 2018 in Burch v. Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Civil No. 15-C-638 (W. Va. Cir. Ct. (Monongalia Cty.)) but understands that criminal cases take preference, so a conflict is unlikely.

Respectfully yours,

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All counsel of record (*via CM-ECF*) cc: